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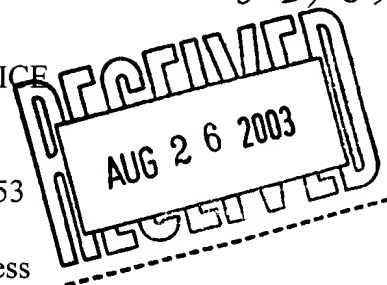
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 12, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated July 9, 2003 for corresponding European Application No. EP 01 30 2965, to the Examiner's attention:

International Publication No. WO 00/52887, which was published on September 8, 2000;

International Publication No. WO 98/20410, which was published on May 14, 1998.

Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,393, which was previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application; and

"Promondia: A Java-Based Framework for Real-Time Group Communication in the Web",
GALL et al., Computer Networks and ISND Systems, vol. 29, no. 8-13, (1997), pages 917-926.

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The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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